

Letter From The Mayor

Congratulations to Executive Director John Nelson, Jr. and the Detroit Housing Commission for their achievements in sustaining a standard performing public housing authority that provides decent, safe and affordable housing.



I challenge the Commission to build upon its successes and to reach a new level of performance. The Commission is well positioned to exploit the potential of its HOPE VI programs and to create mixed-income communities that provide exceptional living environments for families. Public housing communities have a unique ability to provide tools for people, especially our young people, so that they can develop skills that can be used in the economic marketplace. These skills will be further enhanced as all Detroit youth have an opportunity to participate in an after school program that my administration is currently developing called “Mayor’s Time.”

The Housing Commission has many assets with which it can fulfill its mission including talented and dedicated staff and community-minded residents. Our government partners are also essential assets, and I look forward to developing working relationships with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), the Detroit City Council and other partners so that we can ensure the Commission’s long-term success. It is our challenge to work together to create the quality housing our residents and our communities deserve “right here, right now.”

Sincerely,

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Mayor,

City of Detroit